

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the present application. Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action mailed on December 4, 2007 and respond to the issues raised by the Examiner as follows:

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner has found that the application includes three distinct inventions covered by three groups of claims. **Group I** claims (claims 1-17 and 27), which are drawn to a biodegradable, multiblock copolymer composition; **Group II** claims (claims 18-25, 28 and 30), which are drawn to a process for preparing the composition of the Group I claims; and the **Group III** claims (claims 26 and 29), which are drawn to a use of said composition.

The Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-17 and 27) in the present application. However, the Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the unelected claims of Group II (claims 18-25, 28 and 30) and Group III (claims 26 and 29) in a divisional application.

The Examiner has also found that the application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. **The species that the Applicants elect to prosecute is an implant.**

The claims encompassing the elected invention are claims 1-17 and amended claim 27.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the claims are now in the proper form and respectfully request early examination.

If the Examiner has any questions relating to this amendment, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kevin E. McDermott", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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